

HOUSE BILL 2168

By Hurley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to higher education tuition.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) For the purposes of this section, "combat veteran" means a person who has entered and served honorably in the United States armed forces on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war recognized by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) A combat veteran or current member of the armed forces who has served in a theater of combat operations during a period of war recognized by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs who is not a current resident of Tennessee shall be classified as an out-of-state student upon application to a Tennessee public institution of higher education but shall not be required to pay out-of-state tuition upon enrollment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to tuition rates beginning with the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year.